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To: Agency Secretaries
Agency Information Officers
Department Directors
Chief Information Officers

From: Will Bush, Undersecretary, State and Consumer Services Agency
J. Clark Kelso, State Chief Information Officer
David A. Gilb, Director, Department of Personnel Administration

Subject: **Executive Leadership Certificate Program**

In furtherance of Goal 1 ("Make Government Services More Accessible to Citizens and State Clients") of our *California State Information Technology Strategic Plan* (November 2005), we are pleased to sponsor the new "*Leadership for the Government Executive Certificate Program*" offered through Sacramento State University. We invite state executives to participate in the first session of this certificate program that begins this fall.

The Program will provide a forum to facilitate and sustain government transformation. Scholars, guest speakers, and experienced leaders will share examples of best-practices and leadership lessons from their public and private sector experiences. Business and Information Technology leaders will explore current policy issues to address statewide program opportunities and challenges.

The Little Hoover Commission report, *Serving the Public: Managing the State Workforce to Improve Outcomes* (June 2005), states that "success will require highly skilled leaders..., but the State does little to attract, develop and deploy the management talent needed to effectively lead essential public programs." requiring "...knowledge, skills and leadership in both policymaking and program administration." To facilitate the management and leadership transformation discussed in this report, we are developing and adopting statewide strategic approaches that include leadership development, collaboration, best practices and this certificate program curriculum to lead us successfully through transformation and into the future.

Information about the program, its scholars, speakers, and course curriculum, is available at <http://www.cio.ca.gov/ITHR.html> and <http://www.cce.csus.edu/leadershipforgov>. Information regarding the registration process is available at <http://www.cce.csus.edu/register/register.htm>.

Department directors are requested to share a copy of this letter with your administrative officers.

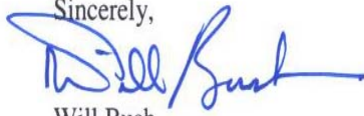
You will find this program an opportunity to share and develop innovative ideas as we collectively improve shared services for our customers.

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We encourage you and your staff to register for the first session of this certificate program as we continue to work together to offer the best service the citizens of the State of California expect and deserve.

Sincerely,

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Undersecretary
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David A. Gilb
Director
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cc: Personnel Managers

Attachments (3)

Leadership for the Government Executive Certificate Program Brochure
Nomination Form
Registration Agreement